

STOCK NEWS.

There is every prospect now that more agricultural and stock legislation will be introduced at the coming session of Congress than at any previous one for years. The difficulties to be adjusted cannot be ignored, and are of sufficient importance to call into play the wisest statesmanship.—Pittsburg Stockman.

Mr. P. J. Clough, living some twelve miles south-east of the Lodge, one day last week sold one of his fine pedigreed cows to Mr. S. K. Field for \$150. This is perhaps the largest price ever paid for a cow in this county. One of Mr. Clough's neighbors tells us that even at this price, Mr. Field has got a bargain.—Cresset.

One of the important matters that will come before the stockmen's convention will be the appointment of a committee to wait upon the 17th legislature in behalf of the stockmen of the State. This committee should be composed of the most experienced and influential men, and men who are very zealous in promoting the interests of cattle men.—Live Stock Journal.

Stock allowed to run about without restraint and pick up its sustenance by foraging, naturally grows coarser and deteriorates in quality from generation to generation. This fact is one which should be borne in mind by those contemplating engaging in the business in the far West. In allowing for the expenses of ranching a liberal appropriation should be made for the purchase and introduction of thoroughbred sires. The enterprising ranchman should allow no deterioration in his herds, and it can be prevented in no way except by close attention to this point.—Pittsburg Stockman.

Mr. Hendricks, a cow herder on the ranch of M. O. Lynn, on Double Mountain Fork, met with a serious accident last Friday. He was riding rapidly after some game, holding his pistol in his hand, when by some means it was discharged, the ball entering his right side and coming out at the left hip. Dr. I. J. Culver was sent for and the wounded man placed in a wagon and started here; but the jolting was so painful that he stopped at California ranch, where Dr. Culver met him. The wound is a bad one, but not necessarily fatal.—Ft. Griffin Echo.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECT.

From the best information we have been able to gather, from ranchmen from different portions of the State, we believe that Texas cattle will go through the present winter in better condition and with a less percentage of loss from deaths than usual. The cold weather has set in earlier and has been more severe this season than was ever before known; but an early winter is conceded to be indicative of an early spring. Not only this, but as grass was and still is in most localities, much better than usual, stock are much fatter, and have on the regular grazing or musquite range, suffered but little, if any, damage from the storms and cold snaps of the present season. For these reasons we conclude that the stock men of Texas have nothing, from this source at least, to fear or to gather discouragement. On the contrary, they have much upon which to congratulate themselves and should feel greatly encouraged by the bright prospects of the future.—Texas Live Stock Journal.

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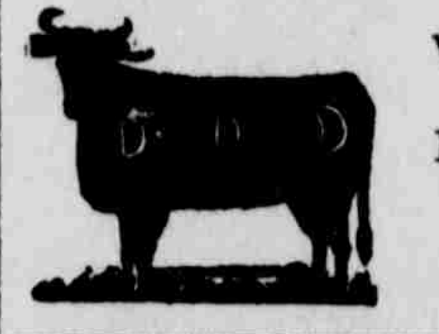
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